INTERFAITH COALITION FOR JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (The Interfaith Coalition)

The coalition includes a variety of religious, grassroots community, and student groups who support worker justice, environmental justice, and human rights. Some members of the coalition take for granted the existence of the international nation state system and the existence of multinational corporations, regarding them as more or less non-malleable features of the world. Others believe that these systems are the core of the problem and must be altered or abolished to make any real or fundamental change possible.

The relative strength of different elements of the coalition varies over time, place, and the specifics of particular cases. The team should pursue actions that will, as much as possible, hold the supporters of different variations together in a common strategy for the short run.

Frame

GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW (see **Resource Kit, Globalization Frames**)

Access

The following teams have automatic access: **None**. Other teams require your permission to meet with you.

Success Indicators:

Global Poverty Reduction (GPR): This index measures the percentage of people in each country who are living below the subsistence level. It begins at 100 and is raised by actions that decrease the number of people living in poverty and is lowered by actions that increase the number.

Constituency Support (CS): This begins at 100 and is increased by actions that increase financial and political support for the Interfaith Coalition by allies and potential supporters. It is decreased by actions that decrease financial and political support for the Interfaith Coalition by allies and potential supporters.

Overall Success = (GPR + CS) / 2

Recommended to Print from Resource Kit:

You should make hard copies of the following parts of the Resource Kit to read ahead of time or bring with you to the game sessions:

*** Glossary of Technical Terms
*** GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW frame
*** ILO Fundamental Conventions.
*** Micro-Credit Programs.
*** Loan-Guarantees
*** Ecotourism
*** SLAPPs.
*** Zones of Action.

Interfaith Coalition Action Options

The following action options are available. You may adopt as many as you choose or none at all.

Regarding the proposed project by CDI and the loan application of the Government of Fabrikistan:

___ I. Ignore this project. It is not relevant for our goals.

___ II. Support this project as proposed.

___ III. Support this project on condition that the following features are changed (check all that apply below):

___ IVa. Eliminate the nature preserve.
___ IVb. Eliminate Lola and Friends.
___ IVc. Eliminate the casino.
___ IVd. Eliminate the "Sheik Duds" clothing.
___ IVe. Eliminate the training center.
___ IVf. Eliminate the micro-financing program.
___ IVg. Other conditions (specify) _____

___ IV. Oppose this project in all its aspects. It is beyond redemption.

___ V. Join an anti-corporate campaign against CDI. The anti-corporate campaign has three zones of activities. Indicate in which of these sets of activities your team will participate. (See _____ **Resource Kit, Zones of Action**, for more details).

___ Va. Green zone activities.
___ Vb. Yellow Zone Activities.
___ Vc. Red zone activities.
Define specific activities:

___ VI. Other action[1] (specify using other side of form if necessary)

[1] You should check with the game coordinator who will rule whether such an action would be possible in the real world.

Interfaith Coalition Press Release

(This should be written on the assumption that the details of the scenario itself are already known and have been reported earlier. You should focus on the actions you have taken during Phase Three that you wish to publicize – and, if relevant, possible action that you might have taken and did not. You should emphasize those actions of your own and of others that you hope will raise your relevant success indicators.)

Interfaith Coalition Broadcast Rating Form

The Interfaith Coalition monitors WUSA and the EuroPress but not VOI:

WUSA Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the Interfaith Coalition covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

_____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.

_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.

_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. To what extent did coverage show the relevance of actions for increasing or decreasing world poverty and inequality and human rights, especially in the less developed world?

_____ a. Gave significant attention to the implications for poverty and human rights in the less developed world.

_____ b. Mixed, with some attention but not a lot.

_____ c. Little or no attention to the significance for poverty and human rights in the less developed world.

EuroPress Notes on coverage:

(Interfaith Coalition Broadcast Rating Form continued)

1. Were the actions of the Interfaith Coalition covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

_____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.

_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.

_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. To what extent did coverage show the relevance of actions for increasing or decreasing world poverty and inequality and human rights, especially in the less developed world?

_____ a. Gave significant attention to the implications for poverty and human rights in the less developed world.

_____ b. Mixed, with some attention but not a lot.

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